

**NEW YORK CITY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
WORKFORCE POLICY COMMITTEE**

Meeting of February 18, 2009

At the New York City Department of Small Business Services

110 William Street, 7th Floor

New York, NY 10038

MINUTES

Committee Members Present:

Bill Abramson, Charles Callahan, Horace Barker, Rocco Damato, Debbie King,
Robert Battista, Mark Leff Joe McDermott, John Mogulescu

Also Present:

Mary Batch, Lea Kilraine, John Mayo, Matt White, Allison Quigney, Chris Cesarini, Angie Kamath, Ray Singleton, Katie Schwartz, Lisa Van Brackle, Lesia Lozowy, Rebecca Brown, David Fischer, Phil Weinberg, Deldreana Peterkin, Kate Yager, Michelle Pinnock, Kathy Kearns

Rocco Damato, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 18, 2009 meeting of the Workforce Policy Committee were approved.

Rocco Damato welcomed the Committee and provided members with an overview of the meeting agenda.

Training Provider Exemption Policy

To present the first agenda item, Mr. Damato introduced Katy Gaul, Assistant Commissioner for Workforce1 Training and Advancement at the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS). Ms. Gaul oversees the training program at SBS including the issuance of Individual Training Grants (ITGs). Ms. Gaul led the Committee in a conversation concerning the resolution adopted at the Committee's previous meeting on November 18, 2009, regarding exemptions for training providers, which requires that all training providers on the ETPL (Eligible Training Provider List) and any of their subcontractors that provide courses funded by ITGs shall be required to comply fully with state standards for licensing and registration. Given concerns voiced by Committee Members who had not been present at the November 18 meeting, a resolution was proposed and adopted to postpone the implementation of the earlier resolution and to constitute a Working Group of Workforce Policy Committee Members to provide guidance for SBS on a new policy by the next meeting of the Committee in May.

President's Update

To present the second agenda item, Mr. Damato introduced Philip Weinberg, President of the NYC Workforce Investment Board. Mr. Weinberg used his update to introduce David Fischer, newly hired as the WIB's Vice President of Policy and Planning. Mr. Weinberg explained that Mr. Fischer would play a key role in defining an ambitious policy agenda for the WIB, and that he will be working closely with the Policy Committee in that capacity. Mr. Weinberg informed the Committee of Mr. Fischer's strong interest in advancing a cohesive workforce system in New York City, which provided the context and impetus to invite the meeting's featured guest speaker from the Human Resources Administration. Mr. Weinberg turned it over to Mr. Fischer to introduce that speaker.

System Focus: HRA Employment Services

To present the third agenda item, Mr. Fischer introduced Raymond Singleton, Assistant Deputy Commissioner at the NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA). Mr. Singleton presented to Committee Members an overview of HRA's network of employment services, including 2009 outcomes, services provided, and strategic goals as well as more in-depth descriptions of programs offered. This presentation was followed by a discussion of the similarities and differences of HRA's programming with that of the Workforce Investment Act-funded system with which Members are more familiar, and a broader conversation about the proper priorities and focus of the Committee and the full Workforce Investment Board.

Conclusion

Following the business described above, the meeting was adjourned.